

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ceiling system comprising:

a grid formed from a plurality of parallel-extending main runners ~~having~~ and a plurality of cross runners extending between the main runners, each main runner having a vertical web and a bulb portion;

a plurality of compression struts ~~attached to the grid;~~

a plurality of panels resting within the grid; and

a plurality of clips, each clip having a first leg ~~and~~ , a second leg [[,]] and a mid-portion disposed between the first leg and ~~being fixedly secured to a main runner and the second leg being fixedly secured to a compression strut;~~

wherein each first leg is in direct contact with and is secured to the vertical web of the main runner, each second leg is in direct contact with and is secured to the compression strut and each mid-portion conforms to the bulb portion of a main runner, the bulb portion being interposed between the compression strut and the mid-portion.

2-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Original) The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the system is capable of meeting an up-lift classification 90.

6. (Currently Amended) The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of compression struts are attached to the plurality of main runners ~~by the plurality of clips~~ at intervals of about 2 feet.

7. (Currently Amended) The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of compression struts are attached to the plurality of main runners ~~by the plurality of clips~~ at intervals of up to about 12 feet.

8. (Previously Presented) The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of panels are downwardly accessible.

9. (Currently Amended) A support member for a ceiling panel comprising
a main runner having a vertical web and a bulb portion;
a compression strut; and
a clip comprising a first leg, a second leg and a mid-portion, wherein the first leg is ~~fixedly~~ in direct contact with and is secured to the vertical web of the main runner, the second leg is ~~fixedly attached~~ in direct contact with and is secured to the compression strut, and the mid-portion is disposed between the first leg and second leg and is substantially shaped to conform to the bulb portion of the main runner;
wherein the bulb portion is interposed between the compression strut and the mid-portion of the clip.

10-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The support member of claim 9, wherein the support member supports a ceiling system capable of meeting an up-lift classification of at least 90.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ceiling system of claim 1, wherein the first leg is ~~fixedly~~ secured to the main runner by a first fastening device selected from the group consisting of chemical and mechanical fastening devices and the second leg is ~~fixedly~~ secured to the compression strut by a second fastening device selected from the group consisting of chemical and mechanical fastening devices.